

Boston, Dec. 6, 1861.

Dear Johnson:

I do not know when we shall have a meeting of our Executive Committee; but as Mr. May has sent to me your letter to him, in regard to sending copies of the Standard to members of Congress, I will venture to assume the responsibility of advising you to send one hundred to such persons in the Senate and House as you think best, during the session. I have no doubt that they will be eagerly and profitably read by those receiving them, and that the Committee will readily sanction such a distribution. Now is the time to put forth every available instrumentality to give the death-blow to slavery. The Standard will do our cause special service at Washington.

"What a wisby-wasby message from the President! It is more and more evident that he is a man of



very small calibre, and had better be at his old business of splitting rails than at the head of a government like ours, especially in such a crisis. (He has evidently not a drop of anti-slavery blood in his veins; and he seems incapable of uttering a humane or generous sentiment respecting the enslaved millions in our land. To wonder that such villainous papers as the Journal of Commerce, the Express, Bennett's Herald, and the Boston Courier and Post, are his special admirers and champions! If there be not soon an "irrepressible conflict" in the Republican ranks, in regard to his course of policy, I shall almost despair of the country.

no 1 In fact, I shudder at the possibility of the war terminating without the utter extinction of slavery; by a new and more atrocious compromise on the part of the North, than any that has yet been made. We must continue to brand as accessories of the South



em traitors all those who, now that the government can rightfully do it under the war power, denounce and oppose the emancipation of those in bondage. A curse on that Southern "loyalty" which is retained only by allowing it to control the policy of the administration!" //

What a matter of congratulation it is that your lawless and profligate Mayor Wood has been ejected from his office! I hope we, in Boston, shall imitate so good an example, on Monday next, by ousting from the mayoralty one of the same kidney, J. M. Wightman; but his re-election is not improbable. //

How much I was indebted to you while I was in New York! Especially for that memorable interview with the party at Mrs. Lavin's. Her kindness is most gratefully remembered. Please give my regards to her, to Mary Anne, and the household.

Yours, heart and soul,  
Wm. Lloyd Garrison.



N. B. All last week, I was confined to the house by a violent inflammation of the right eye, but it is now better. My wife was at the same time confined to her bed, and under daily medical attendance, in consequence of a severe and painful congestion of the stomach, or something equivalent to it. She is now convalescent, though still weak.

What has got into Ward Beecher, that he denounces emancipation by the government? I see all the pro-slavery journals are copying his ill-timed, ill-digested, absurd, and practically pro-slavery sentiments, with "thanksgiving." I <sup>did not</sup> ~~was too~~ <sup>unwilling</sup> to attend his lecture in this city on "The Camp and Country," but, though its funny parts elicited some applause, I am told, yet, as a whole, it "made the judicious grieve," and damaged rather than added to the reputation of the lecturer. "The way of peace he knows not." "